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In response to the Final Office Action of April 24, 2003, kindly amend  
the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17, 18 and 21 to 25 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 14 without prejudice as follows:

*Sub F7*  
14. (Twice Amended) An emission control system, comprising:  
a particle filter; and  
an arrangement disposed upstream from the particle filter and configured to  
at least reduce clogging of the particle filter by prevention of development of ash  
upstream from the particle filter by one of transformation and maintenance of at  
least one of the compounds responsible for ash formation in the gaseous state, the  
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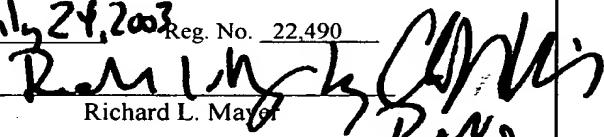
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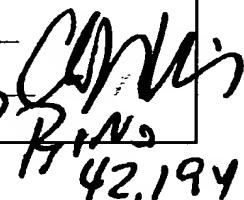
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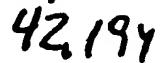
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